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DOCJT COMMISSIONER PRESENTS ALEXANDRIA POLICE CHIEF WITH GOVERNOR'S AWARD

RICHMOND, KY – Department of Criminal Justice Training Commissioner John W. Bizzack presented Alexandria Police Chief Mike Ward with the Governor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Kentucky Law Enforcement today during a Northern Kentucky Chiefs' Association meeting.

The award honors an individual who significantly advances Kentucky law enforcement in the areas of Peace Officer Professional Standards, law enforcement training, or professional development, or exhibits exemplary leadership that has resulted in the advancement of law enforcement in the state or nominee's community.

Ward has been chief in Alexandria since May 2001, but he brings to the position 18 years of law enforcement experience. During his short tenure with Alexandria, Chief Ward has guided the police department in many positive changes. Under his direction, the agency implemented the Character Counts Program, a school resource officer program, Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) and a Homeland Security Check Program. Alexandria was also the first police department in the Kentucky to undergo the DOCJT's vulnerability assessment program.

Commissioner Bizzack praised Ward's instrumental role in improving law enforcement in Alexandria and across the commonwealth.

"Chief Ward's commitment to continually develop, participate in and practice new and innovative programs has made the Alexandria Police Department one of Kentucky's premier law enforcement agencies," Bizzack said.

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